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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: SB 315

DATE PREPARED: Dec 18, 2000

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Parole Eligibility for Certain Crimes.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill provides that a person is eligible for consideration for release on parole if, before the criminal code was enacted in 1976, the person: (1) was sentenced to more than one term of life imprisonment without parole upon conviction of more than one felony; and (2) committed kidnaping as one of the felonies.

Effective Date: July 1, 2001.

Explanation of State Expenditures: On December 2, 2000, the Department of Correction (DOC) reported that 53 offenders are serving more than one life term under the old criminal code. Of these, 15 have kidnaping as one of the life sentences. Consequently, these 15 offenders would be eligible for parole.

If all of these 15 offenders were given parole, then DOC would have some additional cells or beds available to house other offenders. The average expenditure to house an adult offender was \$20,700 in FY 1999. Individual facility expenditures ranged from \$14,936 to \$37,807. This does not include the cost of new construction. If offenders can be housed in existing facilities with no additional staff, the average cost for medical care, food, and clothing is approximately \$1,825 annually, or \$5 daily, per prisoner.

The Department of Correction might incur some additional costs for placing these offenders on parole.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: Department of Correction

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: The Planning Division, Department of Correction